

Claims

I claim:

1. A threaded attachment for application on a tube, rod, cable or the like, comprising:
 - a) a sleeve with helical threads on its outside diameter and with a longitudinal gap for its full length, and
 - b) a liner adhesively bonded to the inside surface of said sleeve,whereby said gap can be expanded sufficiently to allow said sleeve and said liner to fit over said tube, rod, cable, or the like, whereby said sleeve and said liner can subsequently be compressed so that said liner contacts said tube, rod or cable and adhesively joins said sleeve concentrically to said tube, rod or cable, and whereby said tube, rod or cable is therefore configured with external threads.
2. The threaded attachment of Claim 1 wherein said sleeve is made of flexible plastic.
3. The threaded attachment of Claim 1 wherein said outside diameter contains a plurality of notches to improve flexibility.
4. The threaded attachment of Claim 1 wherein said sleeve contains a flange.
5. The threaded attachment of Claim 4 wherein said flange contains a plurality of notches to improve flexibility.

6. The threaded attachment of Claim 1 wherein the inside surface of said sleeve and said liner are configured to accommodate a variety of different shaped tubes, rods and cables.
7. A method of securing a threaded attachment with an adhesive liner onto a tube, rod or cable, comprising the steps of:
 - a) spreading said threaded attachment sufficiently to encompass said tube, rod or cable,
 - b) engaging said threaded attachment over said tube, rod or cable, and
 - c) compressing said threaded attachment concentrically over said tube or rod,whereby said threaded attachment becomes adhesively bonded to said tube, rod or cable.